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October 11th, 1919

A. F. Laing, Esq.,

Secretary, Faculty of Applied Science.

Dear Mr. Laing:

The Board of Governors asked me to take up the question of transferring the messenger in Applied Science from the jurisdiction of the Superintendent to yours. This would of course involve the transfer in the accounts of the amount of his pay from the Superintendent to your estimates. I suppose that you are willing that this change should be made.

Yours sincerely,

President.

University of Toronto
TORONTO, CANADA

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Nov. 15th, 1919

The President,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:-

Regarding the case of R. E. Hamilton which was referred to Dean Mitchell, I beg to state that the Electrical Department has offered to give Mr. Hamilton any assistance that it can, and for the present at least it does not seem necessary to form a department for handling cases of the kind. I am writing Mr. Hamilton to have him submit his difficulties and we will see what we can do for him.

Yours truly,

A. T. Laing Jr.

Secretary

26th November, 1918.

Appointments of Committees of the Council, Faculty of Applied Science.

In accordance with the resolutions of the last meeting of the Council the Dean has named the following members of the Council on the several special committees concerned. It is hoped that reports from them may be made at the next meeting of Council if possible.

1. Committee to enquire into and report on the teaching of Engineering Problems in the first year:

Professors Price, Chairman
DeLury
Gillespie
Loudon
Stewart

2. Committee to enquire into and report upon the whole question of improvement of the conditions relating to the competition for and award of the Engineering Alumni Scholarships:

Professors Gillespie, Chairman
Beatty
Boswell
Cockburn
Laing

3. Committee to report as to the desirability of carrying out the provisions of Professor Angus' motion regarding the keeping of lecture attendance:

Professors Stewart, Chairman
Angus
Ardagh
Loudon
Parks

4. Committee to enquire into and report as to the questions of accommodation with respect to buildings, time table problems, etc. in view of the large number of students expected in the future:

Professors Wright, Chairman
Anderson
Angus
Bain
Haultain
Miller
Rosebrugh
Walker
Young

5. Committee to consider and report upon the standing Committees of the Council as to number, duties, etc.

Professors Haultain, Chairman
Arkley
Bain
Coleman
Guess
McGowan
Price

A. T. Laing

Secretary.

March 10th, 1920

A. T. Laing, Esq.,
Secretary, Faculty of Applied Science.
Dear Mr. Laing:

I am sending you a letter. I have written to Mr. Harden that I have forwarded it to you and perhaps you may be able to find some persons for him.

Yours sincerely,

President.

University of Toronto
TORONTO, CANADA
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March 11th, 1920

The President,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:-

Enclosed herewith is a letter from Mr. Mallett asking to be reimbursed for his son's overcoat, lost in the Mining Building some weeks ago. I assume that this is a matter with which the Caput alone can deal and I have acknowledged the letter, stating that I have placed the matter in your hands.

Yours truly,

A. T. Laing jm.

Secretary

#111 Lauder Ave.,
Toronto- February 28th-20.

Professor A. P. Laing,
School of Practical Science,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to bring to your attention the incident which occurred on Thursday afternoon last, namely that my son, George Stuart Mallett, who is a student in second year Metallurgical Engineering, had the misfortune to have his Overcoat and Scarf stolen from the hooks provided in the hall way of your Buildings and outside the door of the Laboratory in which he was engaged.

The Coat, which by the by is a new one, was placed on a hook outside of the Chemical Laboratory and upon his return from the lecture, found it missing and he at once advised the Caretake and the University Police, as well as other Officials of the School.

Apparently there has been a lot of pilfering done of late in the various Departments of the University as I have noticed in the different presses and also,from statements which my son has made.

I bring this matter to your attention and suggest that it may be considered reasonable to ask you to reimburse us for the loss, for the reason that the hooks are not placed in such a position where the students can watch the safety of his clothing, and also for the reason that the hall-ways of the University are more or less open to anyone who may care to enter the Building.

It is true that there are Caretakers and Officials of one capacity and another constantly to and fro in the Building, but any person who is disposed to acts of this sort and if suitably attired and of good appearance could enter the Building without any question and loiter in the hall-way without fear of suspicion, and take an opportune moment to carry out their plan by simply wearing the coat off the premises.

If the hooks had been placed within the Class Rooms

then they would be under the supervision of the students, but seeing that the hooks are outside the Class Rooms and as the Hall-ways are more or less open to the public in this manner, I consider that the University authorities are responsible to a very great degree.

The loss is estimated by us at $63.00. I should be very glad to hear from you on this matter as to what you can do for me.

During the period of my son's enlistment in the Army he developed physically and outgrew all his clothing that he had before he enlisted, with the result that he had to have a completely new outfit which put me to very considerable expense, and if it were not that he had some assistance from the Military Authorities at the present time, I could not possibly support him at the University.

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Yours very truly,

C. Shyacott.

University of Toronto
TORONTO, CANADA

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April 21, 1920.

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.,
President,
University of Toronto,
T O R O N T O.

Dear Mr. President:

Your letter of the 20th instant and accompanying one from the Bursar are at hand and in explanation of what has been done here in this regard I wish to state:

Firstly - The list from the Bursar of those in arrears did not reach me until the day before the examinations began.

Secondly - A number of those reported, I found were in complete ignorance of their indebtedness. To have denied such the permission to write would have worked an injustice as they were not entirely responsible.

Thirdly - Others reported I found were having their fees paid by the S.C.R., and I did not feel that I could refuse them permission to write. Some, too, had withdrawn without giving notice.

On the receipt, however, of the Bursar's report, I took immediate action and by giving a few days' grace I believe we secured payment of nearly every dollar due, except some amounts yet to come from the S.C.R.

We, of course, will withhold examination results of all who at the time the reports are ready are in arrears.

In the light of the above facts, I believe that by conference of the officials concerned in this matter some improvements might be made in our present methods and I shall be glad to help in any way I can. I am sending a copy of this letter to the Bursar.

Yours faithfully,

R.A.F.

A. T. Laing

ATL/EB. Secretary.

April 28th, 1920

A. T. Laing, Esq.,
Secretary, Faculty of Applied Science,
University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. Laing:

Mr. Moore has sent me the accompanying letter and has spoken to me with regard to the matter. I was under the impression that all the Faculties were aware that before students should be allowed to write on their examinations all the outstanding obligations in the way of fees and fines should be paid, otherwise it would be impossible for the University to be sure that there would not be defaulters. Will you be kind enough to see if there are any who have taken their examinations against whom there is anything outstanding so that before the results are given out payments may be made ?

Yours sincerely,

President.